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FOR: SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEM :

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement of November 3, 2008, Applicants elect without traverse, Group A, Claims 1-52, drawn to a bus-encrypting mechanism to protect an encryption/decryption process, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Group A, Claims 1-52 is in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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